Export Credit Guarantee Corporation under the Ministry of Commerce reduced premium rates to provide relief to exporters.

Statement

NUMBER OF UNITS AFFECTING RETRENCHMENT AND WORKERS' RETRENCHED THEREIN DURING 2006 AND JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 2007 BY SPHERES.

Year	Central Sphere		State Sphere		Total	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
2006(P)	5	627	19	257	24	884
2007(P) (Jan. to Sept.)	3	18	4	74	7	92

A = Number of Units
B = Number of Workers Affected
P = Provisional
Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla

NOTE: The information for the years 2006 and 2007 is based on the returns/clarifications received in the Labour Bureau till 31st October, 2007.

Revised integrated Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers in Orissa

367. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme for Beedi workers in Orissa, out of the 1825 applications sent, sanction in respect of 332 applicants has been received; and

(b) what is that action plan of Government to sanction funds for the remaining 1493 cases, indicating the time-frame within which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A total number of 1824 applications for construction of houses by the beedi workers were received from the Orissa State Government and all the applications have been approved by the Ministry.

Need to make Provident Fund claim easy

368. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state what are the details of steps taken by Government to make claim for Provident Fund easy following the recommendations by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): The recommendations made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour are considered from time to time and appropriate action thereon is taken wherever necessary. In so far as settlement of claims is concerned, the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme has been amended to provide settlement of a claim which is complete in all respects, within thirty days from the date of its receipt by the concerned office.